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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1652

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :
NUCLEOTIDE BY FERMENTATION

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.